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1. WE HAVE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF AMBASSADOR VANCE'S VISIT (SEE REF B, PARA 4) AS WELL OTHER OCCASIONS DURING RECENT WEEKS TO POINT OUT TO GUB OFFICIALS THE STATED POLITY OF THE NEW RTG LEADERS TO TAKE MORE VIGOROUS ACTION AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING.

2. THE BURMESE RECOGNIZE THE POTENTIAL ADVANTAGES OF CLOSER COOPERATION WITH THE THAI ON NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION, AND THEY ARE CLEARLY INTERESTED IN WHAT THE RTG IS DOING IN THIS FIELD. HOWEVER, THEIR MISTRUST OF THE THAI REMAINS DEEP, AND THEY ALWAYS POINT TO WHAT THEY SEE AS COLLUSION BETWEEN RTG OFFICIALS AND TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS.

3. WE THEREFORE SHARE REF A'S CONCLUSION THAT OPTIMISM ABOUT ANY IMMEDIATE IMPROVEMENT IN BURMA-THAI NARCOTICS COORDINATION IS UNWARRANTED. THE KEY TO MAKING IMPROVED COOPERATION POSSIBLE, FROM THE GUB POINT OF VIEW, WILL BE SUSTAINED REPEAT SUSTAINED RTG PERFORMANCE IN EFFEC-
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TIVELY ATTACKING THE TRAFFICKERS. EVEN THEN, THE

COOPERATION IS NOT LIKELY TO BE VERY EXTENSIVE UNLESS THE GUB COULD SEE OTHER, MORE POLITICAL, EVIDENCE THAT THE RTG HAS CEASED SUPPORTING THE VARIOUS ANTI-GUB INSURGENT GROUPS (MANY OF WHICH, OF COURSE, ARE ALSO NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATIONS).

4. IF THESE CONDITIONS COULD BE MET, HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE THE BURMESE WOULD BE WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH THE THAI ON NARCOTICS SUPPRESSION, SINCE IT WOULD BE IN THEIR INTERESTS TO DO SO.
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